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SUBJECT: LUKEWARM FRENCH INTEREST IN ISTANBUL MINISTERIAL
SIDE MEETING ON LEBANON

REF: A. (A) STATE 150112
[1](#)B. (B) PARIS-STATE E-MAILS

Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Josiah Rosenblatt for reasons 1.4. (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) We contacted French FM Kouchner,s adviser on NEA issues, Christophe Bigot, October 29, who indicated that Kouchner,s priority was to have a one-on-one with the Secretary to discuss Lebanon as well as the

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Israeli/Palestinian peace process (before the Secretary,s next visit to Israel and Palestinian territories), and Iran. Bigot asserted that, given time constraints, Kouchner was less interested in a wider meeting on Lebanon that he did not think would be as productive or &confidential8 as a one-on-one, although he did not rule it out. The key factor would be the time and date that we proposed.

[1](#)2. (U) Action request: Assuming this meeting is still in play, please provide specific day and time that we propose.

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